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\$75 MILLION PAID OUT FROM FUND

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A TOTAL OF \$75 MILLION HAS BEEN PAID OUT FROM THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION FUND TO 1 388 PNEUMOCONIOTIC PERSONS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS SINCE THE FUND BEGAN OPERATION IN 1981, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THIS WEEKEND.

UNDER THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE, ANY PERSON DIAGNOSED TO BE SUFFERING FROM PNEUMOCONIOSIS ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1981 WOULD BE QUALIFIED FOR COMPENSATION FROM THE FUND, SUBJECT TO A RESIDENCE QUALIFICATION OF FIVE YEARS.

+IN FATAL CASES, COMPENSATION IS PAYABLE TO THE DEPENDANTS OF THE DECEASED,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE LEVEL OF COMPENSATION FOR PNEUMOCONIOSIS IS THE SAME AS THOSE UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE. THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION FOR PERMANENT TOTAL INCAPACITY IS \$341 000 AND THAT FOR DEATH IS \$299 000.

HE EXPLAINED THAT PNEUMOCONIOSIS IS A COLLECTIVE TERM COVERING A GROUP OF LUNG DISEASES CAUSED BY INHALATION OF INDUSTRIAL DUSTS SUCH AS FREE SILICA OR ASBESTOS DUSTS.

+THE DISEASE TAKES A LONG TIME TO DEVELOP AND IS DIFFICULT TO DIAGNOSE, ESPECIALLY IN THE EARLY STAGES.+

+ONCE THE DISEASE IS PRESENT, THE CONDITION IS IRREVERSIBLE BUT REMOVAL FROM FURTHER EXPOSURE MAY SLOW DOWN DETERIORATION.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SILICOSIS AND ASBESTOSIS ARE THE ONLY TWO PNEUMOCONIOTIC DISEASES OF KNOWN CONCERN IN HONG KONG, AND BOTH ARE COVERED UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

+SILICOSIS IS MAINLY FOUND IN WORKERS IN QUARRIES, MINING, TUNNELLING, CONSTRUCTION AND MASONRY WORK, WHILE ASBESTOSIS IS NORMALLY FOUND IN WORKERS IN AN INDUSTRY OR PROCESS IN WHICH ASBESTOS IS WIDELY USED FOR INSULATION OR FIREPROOFING PURPOSES.+

HE URGED WORKERS WHO SUSPECTED THEY MIGHT BE SUFFERING FROM THE DISEASE TO APPROACH THE DEPARTMENT'S PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION UNIT AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 4/F., KOWLOON, FOR ARRANGEMENT OF X-RAY APPOINTMENT AND MEDICAL ASSESSMENT.

ANY ENQUIRY CONCERNING THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION SCHEME CAN BE MADE TO THE UNIT ON 3-687668 AND 3-7213744.

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SQUATTER LIVING ENVIRONMENT BEING IMPROVED

THE INCLUSION OF ALDRICH VILLAGE, SHAU KEI WAN, IN THE SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT (SAI) SCHEME SHAU KEI WAN, SHOWS THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO IMPROVE IMMEDIATE LIVING CONDITIONS IN SQUATTER VILLAGES, THE ASSISTANT EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, DR SIMON VICKERS, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

DR VICKERS WAS SPEAKING AT A LIGHTING CEREMONY HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE ALDRICH VILLAGE STREET-LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. UNDER THIS LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, WHICH IS PARTLY SUBSIDISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, 25 STREET LIGHTS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN ALDRICH VILLAGE.

ALDRICH VILLAGE WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS YEAR'S SAI PROGRAMME UNDERTAKEN BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, HE SAID.

+THERE ARE TWO ASPECTS OF IMPROVEMENTS UNDER THE PROGRAMME: FIRSTLY, MINOR GEOTECHNICAL WORK WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO REDUCE THE THREAT OF LANDSLIP.

+SECONDLY, BASIC SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED, SUCH AS IMPROVEMENT TO DRAINAGE AND FOOTPATHS, PROVISION OF PUBLIC LATRINES, REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS, MAIN-TO-HUT METERED WATER SUPPLY AND UPGRADING OF STREET LIGHTING,+ HE SAID.

DR VICKERS SAID THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAD DIRECTED THAT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TAKE OVER THE PROVISION OF STREET LIGHTS IN SQUATTER VILLAGES FROM THIS YEAR.

A SPECIAL TEAM WOULD CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE LIGHTING CONDITIONS IN THE VILLAGE AND WOULD DESIGN AN IMPROVED LIGHTING SYSTEM.

AMONG OTHER GUESTS AT THE CEREMONY WERE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS MR CHAN YING-LUN AND DR KIM CHAM; EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MRS BETTY YUNG AND MR LAM TAK-MONG, AND URBAN COUNCILLOR MADAM CHEUNG WAI-PING.

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LABOUR FESTIVAL CALLED A SUCCESS
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THE SUCCESS OF THE WONG TAI SIN LABOUR FESTIVAL HAS RESULTED FROM KEEN INTEREST AND EFFORTS BY THE DISTRICT BOARD TO PROMOTE GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS, WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS YEK, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE FESTIVAL, MR YEK SAID THERE HAD BEEN KEEN RESPONSE FROM WORKERS IN THE DISTRICT TO THE THREE-WEEK FESTIVAL WHICH WAS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE AREA COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

+CONCERN AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS ARE VERY ESSENTIAL TO HELP HONG KONG MAINTAIN ITS REPUTATION AS A LEADING MANUFACTURING CENTRE,+ MR YEK SAID.

+CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT BOARD AND PRIVATE SECTORS ARE ALSO AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY FOR EVERYONE,+ HE ADDED.

MORE THAN 800 PEOPLE ATTENDED TONIGHT'S CLOSING CEREMONY AT THE LOK SIN TONG WONG CHUNG MING SECONDARY SCHOOL.

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B.O.O. APPROVES EIGHT FACTORIES IN FEBRUARY
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EIGHT FACTORY BUILDINGS, INCLUDING THREE ON THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND ONE ON THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WERE AMONG 53 PLANS APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN FEBRUARY.

OF THE OTHER FOUR FACTORY BUILDINGS, ONE WAS IN TSUEN WAN AND THE REMAINING THREE WERE IN YUEN LONG.

THE PLANS ALSO INCLUDED A 20-STOREY, 512-ROOM HOTEL BUILDING FOR NEW WORLD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED IN WATERLOO ROAD, KOWLOON, AND THREE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

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REFLECTING THE CONTINUING DEMAND FOR ACCOMMODATION, EIGHT APARTMENT BUILDINGS, INCLUDING A 40-STOUREY DEVELOPMENT IN FORTRESS HILL ROAD BY CAVENDISH PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT LIMITED AND A HANG LUNG DEVELOPMENT OF 34 STOREYS IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL-DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL ARE INCLUDED.

ADDITIONALLY, 10 APARTMENT-COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS WERE APPROVED, AS WELL AS TWO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AT HONG LOK YUEN IN TAI PO.

OTHER PLANS INCLUDED A 16-STOUREY GODOWN IN KENNEDY TOWN; TWO DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB - A SEA WALL AT MIDDLE ISLAND AND A STARTER BOX AT KELLET ISLAND; A PO LEUNG KUK SCHOOL IN WHARF ROAD, NORTH POINT TWO PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES AT TAIKOO SHING; A NURSERY-KINDERGARTEN AT THE HENG FA CHUEN DEVELOPMENT; AN EXTENSION TO THE SHELL COMPANY PETROL FILLING STATION IN BOUNDARY STREET; A SHOP-CINEMA IN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET, KOWLOON; A SWIMMING POOL AT SAI KUNG; A CAMP FOR THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME AT HANG HA PO, LAM TSUEN, TAI PO; A REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR THE PO LEUNG KUK AT SHA TIN; A HEADQUARTERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE HONG KONG SEA CADET CORPS AT FUNG SHING STREET; AND TWO BLOCKS OF STAFF QUARTERS FOR THE UNITED CHRISTIAN MEDICAL SERVICE AT THE JUNCTION OF HIP WO STREET AND SAU MAU PING ROAD.

OF THE 53 APPROVALS, WHICH COMPARES WITH 47 THE PREVIOUS MONTH, 18 WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 12 IN KOWLOON AND 23 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALSO DURING FEBRUARY CONSENT WAS GIVEN FOR WORK TO START ON 27 PROJECTS - NINE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THREE IN KOWLOON AND 15 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

OCCUPATION PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR 30 BUILDINGS, 10 ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FOUR IN KOWLOON AND 16 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THESE INCLUDED A 21-STOUREY HOTEL IN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST/DES VOEUX ROAD WEST/CENTRE STREET ON HONG KONG ISLAND FOR HING WAI INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED AND A CLUB HOUSE IN SPORTS ROAD FOR HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS 202 061.4 SQUARE METRES AT A COST OF ABOUT \$547.6 MILLION.

IN FEBRUARY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ISSUED 20 DEMOLITION ORDERS IN RESPECT OF 28 BUILDINGS.

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COLDEST DAY REWRITES RECORD FOR MARCH

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THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH THIS YEAR WAS THE COLDEST DAY IN MARCH SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1884, WITH THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 4.8 DEGREES CELSIUS BEING 1.4 DEGREES LOWER THAN THE PREVIOUS RECORD SET ON MARCH 5, 1936, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTED.

THE MONTH ON THE WHOLE WAS UNUSUALLY FOGGY AND BOTH SEA AND AIR TRAFFIC WAS FREQUENTLY DISRUPTED.

THE LONGEST SPELL OF NINE CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF FOG IN HONG KONG EQUALLED RECORDS SET IN 1980 AND 1984.

COASTAL FOG WAS EXPERIENCED ON 15 DAYS DURING THE MONTH AND THIS RECORD WAS ONLY MATCHED IN MARCH 1980.

A VERY INTENSE SURGE OF WINTER MONSOON WHICH ARRIVED ON FEBRUARY 27 CONTINUED INTO EARLY MARCH. WEATHER ON THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE MONTH WAS VERY COLD WITH LIGHT RAIN AND STRONG NORTHERLY WINDS OFFSHORE AND IN EXPOSED PLACES.

THE TEMPERATURE FELL TO 4.8 DEGREES CELSIUS AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY IN THE AFTERNOON ON MARCH 1, THE LOWEST EVER RECORDED FOR MARCH.

HOAR FROST WAS REPORTED AT TAI MO SHAN AND TATE'S CAIRN ON THESE TWO DAYS AND TEMPERATURES THERE DROPPED TO MINUS FOUR DEGREES CELSIUS AND MINUS 0.5 DEGREE CELSIUS RESPECTIVELY ON MARCH 2.

TWO OLD MEN, BOTH IN THEIR SEVENTIES, DIED DURING THIS COLD SPELL WHICH LASTED TILL MARCH 5.

AS WINDS MODERATED, THE WEATHER TURNED FINE AND SUNNY ON MARCH 3 AND THE GENERAL FINE WEATHER CONTINUED UP TO MARCH 9.

A WARM AND MOIST SOUTHEASTERLY AIRSTREAM BROUGHT CLOUDY WEATHER WITH A TRACE OF RAIN AND COASTAL FOG ON MARCH 10.

COASTAL FOG CONTINUED THE NEXT DAY BUT IT WAS SUNNY IN THE AFTERNOON.

HUMID AND CLOUDY WEATHER PREVAILED FROM MARCH 13 TO 21 WITH MIST AND COASTAL FOG OCCURRING EVERY DAY. THERE WAS ALSO OCCASIONAL LIGHT RAIN.

/THE TEMPERATURE

THE TEMPERATURE ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 26 DEGREES CELSIUS ON MARCH 15, THE HIGHEST FOR THE MONTH.

A WEAK SURGE OF WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 16 BRINGING COOLER WEATHER AND FRESH TO STRONG EASTERLY WINDS TO HONG KONG THAT NIGHT AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

HOWEVER, IT REMAINED CLOUDY AND FOGGY UNTIL A DRIER NORTHERLY AIRSTREAM REACHED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 21 CLEARING THE FOG IN HONG KONG.

OVERCAST WEATHER WITH OCCASIONAL LIGHT RAIN CONTINUED FROM MARCH 22 UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH.

STRONG EASTERLY WINDS WERE EXPERIENCED OFFSHORE ON THE MORNINGS OF MARCH 24 AND 25.

THERE WERE ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 27. COASTAL FOG RETURNED THAT DAY AND LASTED UNTIL MARCH 30.

STRONG EASTERLY WINDS AND COOLER WEATHER SET IN ON MARCH 31.

THERE WERE NO TROPICAL CYCLONES OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC OR THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH.

DURING THE MONTH 26 AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO POOR VISIBILITY.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON MARCH 27 AND 28.

THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT FROM MARCH 2 TO 6 AND MARCH 8, WHILE THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON MARCH 4, 5, 7 TO 10, 15 AND 16.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>WEATHER SYSTEM</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING</u>
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	FEB 28 3.35 PM	MARCH 2 11 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	MARCH 16 7.45 PM	MARCH 17 11.30 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	MARCH 23 11.15 PM	MARCH 24 8.15 AM

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WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	MARCH 24 9.15 PM	MARCH 25 6 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	MARCH 31 11.30 PM	APRIL 1 8.40 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	94.3 HOURS	: 7.1 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	51.8 MM	: 3.0 MM BELOW NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	77 %	: 1 % MORE THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	80 %	: 2 % LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	20.1 DEG. CELSIUS	: 1.2 DEG. CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	17.6 DEG. CELSIUS	: 0.9 DEG. CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	15.6 DEG. CELSIUS	: 0.7 DEG. CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	13.7 DEG. CELSIUS	: 1.3 DEG. CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	58.9 MM	: 39.7 MM BELOW NORMAL

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CREATIVITY DEMONSTRATED AT SANDSCAPING COMPETITION *****

ABOUT 100 ABLE-BODIED AND DISABLED PEOPLE TODAY (SUNDAY) DEMONSTRATED THEIR CREATIVITY AND SKILLS IN A SANDSCAPING COMPETITION IN DEEP WATER BAY.

REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT SENT SEVEN TEAMS, EACH CONSISTING OF EIGHT TO TEN MEMBERS, FOR THE COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD IN SUPPORT OF THE FESTIVAL OF ARTS WITH THE DISABLED.

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SPEAKING AT A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR JASPER LAM, SAID SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED HAD IMPROVED GREATLY OVER THE YEARS, BUT FURTHER EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY WERE REQUIRED ON THE INTEGRATION OF THE DISABLED INTO SOCIETY.

MR LAM SAID THE DISABLED SHOULD BE GIVEN FAIR AND EQUAL TREATMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES, AND MUCH HAD TO BE DONE IN THIS ASPECT.

HE SAID THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELFARE, EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION OF THE DISABLED.

+AT ITS PREVIOUS MEETING, THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE DISCUSSED RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF THE DISABLED, AND AGREED TO SUPPORT A PUBLIC EDUCATION PROJECT ON MENTAL HEALTH INITIATED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE,+ MR LAM SAID.

+LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WILL BE INVITED TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH, AND THEY CAN APPLY FOR DISTRICT BOARD SPONSORSHIP WHERE NECESSARY,+ HE SAID.

MR LAM ALSO NOTED THAT MANY NEW FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT, SUCH AS PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGES OVER THE ABERDEEN THROUGH ROAD, THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL AND THE FUTURE LEI TUNG ESTATE COMMUNITY HALL, ARE PROVIDED WITH RAMPS AND SPECIAL TOILETS FOR THE DISABLED.

BESIDES MR LAM, JUDGES AT TODAY'S COMPETITION INCLUDED CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR KO TAM-KAN; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS ANGELA TSANG; REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FESTIVAL OF ARTS WITH THE DISABLED, MR DICKEN YUNG; AND ARTISTS MR CHAK SHI-YIU AND MR LIU HIN-MING.

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COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRE PROVES POPULAR

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THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRE, THE FIRST PURPOSE-BUILT VISITOR CENTRE OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, HAS ATTRACTED MORE THAN 232 000 VISITORS SINCE ITS OPENING IN MARCH LAST YEAR.

THIS TOTAL, INCLUDING 70 130 PEOPLE IN 1 015 ORGANISED GROUPS, REPRESENTS AN AVERAGE OF 19 330 VISITORS A MONTH. HOWEVER, MONTHLY FIGURES RECORDED IN JULY, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER LAST YEAR WERE WELL ABOVE THE AVERAGE, WITH 23 400, 22 500, 33 730 AND 25 130 VISITORS RESPECTIVELY.

/THE HIGHEST

THE HIGHEST DAILY FIGURE OF 2 144 VISITORS - THREE TIMES MORE THAN THE DAILY AVERAGE OF 620 - WAS RECORDED IN OCTOBER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID THIS WEEKEND THAT THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRE AT PAK TAM CHUNG WAS BUILT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK, AND ACTIVITIES THAT COULD BE UNDERTAKEN.

+THE POPULARITY OF THE CENTRE REFLECTS AN INCREASING PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK AND A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE COUNTRYSIDE RESOURCES AND THE NEED FOR CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE SUCCESS OF THE VISITOR CENTRE CONCEPT, THE DEPARTMENT IS EMBARKING ON A PROGRAMME TO BUILD THREE MORE VISITOR CENTRES IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

+THE FIRST OF THE THREE NEW CENTRES IS BEING BUILT AT THE ENTRANCE OF SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$2.5 MILLION. CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

+THE SECOND WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN TAI MO SHAN COUNTRY PARK WHILE THE THIRD IS BEING PLANNED AT TAI TAM,+ HE SAID.

THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRE, WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF ABOUT 400 SQUARE METRES, CONSISTS OF A RECEPTION HALL, AN EXHIBITION AREA, AN AUDITORIUM AND A GARDEN DISPLAYING PLANTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

THE DISPLAY MOUNTED AT THE CENTRE PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE SAI KUNG PENINSULA, LOCAL PLANTS AND ANIMALS, THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME, AND OTHER COUNTRYSIDE EDUCATION MATERIALS.

THE VISITOR CENTRE IS OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM DAILY.

THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK IS AMONG THE MOST POPULAR OF HONG KONG'S 21 COUNTRY PARKS DEVELOPED AND MANAGED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT. MORE THAN 1.6 MILLION PEOPLE VISITED THE PARK LAST YEAR.

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MURAL PAINTING TO BEAUTIFY YAU MA TEI
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ABOUT 40 ABLE-BODIED AND DISABLED SCHOOL CHILDREN TODAY (SUNDAY) JOINED HANDS IN PAINTING A PUBLIC MURAL TO BEAUTIFY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT.

LED BY PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS, THE CHILDREN COMPLETED THEIR DRAWINGS ON PLYWOOD BOARDS WHICH WILL LATER BE PUT TOGETHER AND DISPLAYED AS A MURAL IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PROJECT, ONE OF THE PROGRAMMES OF THE FESTIVAL OF ARTS WITH THE DISABLED, AIMED AT AROUSING THE PUBLIC'S UNDERSTANDING OF AND CONCERN FOR THE DISABLED.

THE FUNCTION WAS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE FESTIVAL OF ARTS WITH THE DISABLED AND THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MISS MARIA TAM, YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD, MR YIP WAH.

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POSTER GIVES METRIC CLOTHING MEASUREMENTS
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A NEW POSTER DEFINING CLOTHING SIZES IN METRIC UNITS FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WILL SOON BE DISPLAYED AT HONG KONG'S LEADING DEPARTMENT STORES, FASHION SHOPS AND BOUTIQUES.

PRODUCED BY THE METRICATION COMMITTEE, THE POSTER CONTAINS TABLES SHOWING THE THREE CATEGORIES OF CLOTHING MEASUREMENTS IN CENTIMETRES AND THEIR EQUIVALENTS IN INCHES AND INTERNATIONAL CLOTHING SIZES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE METRICATION COMMITTEE SAID THE POSTER WAS PREPARED FOR THE EDUCATION AND CONVENIENCE OF SALES STAFF AND THEIR CUSTOMERS.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THE POSTER WOULD EVENTUALLY HELP THEM THINK METRIC,+ HE SAID.

RECENT SURVEYS SHOW THAT FASHION WEAR AND GARMENTS IMPORTED FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND JAPAN ARE ALL LABELLED IN METRIC SIZES.

/THE MAJORITY

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THE MAJORITY OF LOCAL CLOTHING MANUFACTURERS HAVE ALSO EITHER GONE FULLY METRIC OR ADOPTED THE DUAL-LABELLING SYSTEM.

+THE POSTER IS A BOOSTER TO THE SERIES OF AWARENESS POSTERS AND CONVERSION CARDS PRODUCED TO FAMILIARISE THE PUBLIC WITH CLOTHING MEASUREMENTS IN METRIC,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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SEMINAR ON CIVIC EDUCATION BY COMPUTERS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING 300 SECONDARY SCHOOL COMPUTER TEACHERS TO ATTEND A SEMINAR PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH COMPUTER STUDIES.

THE HALF-DAY SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT THE LECTURE THEATRE OF GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, GASCOIGNE ROAD, YAU MA TEI, ON MAY 17.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID A NUMBER OF TOPICS ON COMPUTING THROUGH WHICH CIVIC EDUCATION ELEMENTS CAN BE PROMOTED HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR DISCUSSION.

TEACHERS WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH CURRENT HAPPENINGS IN THE LOCAL COMPUTER SCENE.

A LECTURER OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY AND FOUR COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS WILL BE GUEST SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR. THEY WILL TALK ABOUT COMPUTER CRIMES, COMPUTER AND PRIVACY, COMPUTERS AND THEIR IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT AND COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN HONG KONG.

SCHOOL HEADS WISHING TO NOMINATE COMPUTER STUDIES TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR SHOULD SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (COMPUTER EDUCATION), COMPUTER EDUCATION SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, BEFORE APRIL 30.

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WIDER SCOPE FOR BOARD COMMITTEE
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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD HAS RE-NAMED ITS COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE AS THE COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE, TO EXTEND ITS SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

THE NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR LAU KIN-WING, EXPLAINED THAT MANY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT STILL WORKED IN FARMING AND FISHING, AND THE COMMITTEE SHOULD ALSO LOOK AFTER THEIR INTERESTS. THE RE-NAMED COMMITTEE WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING ON MAY 26.

MR CHEUNG HON-CHUNG WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE. MR TANG KWOK-YUNG, MR LAW CHAK-TONG AND MR ANTHONY YUEN WERE RETURNED UNOPPOSED AS CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMITTEES ON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, AND SOCIAL SERVICES, RESPECTIVELY.

MEANWHILE, THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE HAS APPOINTED TWO BOARD MEMBERS AND A SCHOOL HEADMASTER TO ORGANISE THREE MAJOR ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. MR PANG CHO-YIU WAS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF A CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY, MR TAO MAN-KWONG CHAIRMAN OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, AND MR CHEUNG WAI-CHUNG CHAIRMAN OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

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COVERED FOOTBRIDGE TO BE BUILT
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A COVERED FOOTBRIDGE IS TO BE BUILT ACROSS MA CHAI HANG ROAD NEAR FUNG MO INTERCHANGE.

IT WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING ZEBRA CROSSING AND PROVIDE A SAFE ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BETWEEN CHUK YUEN AND MA CHAI HANG AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND FUNG MO STREET.

THE FOOTBRIDGE WILL CONNECT A PROPOSED RAMP ON THE FOOTWAY WEST OF LUNG CHEUNG GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL TO THE EXISTING STEPS AND FOOTPATH ON THE SLOPE NORTH OF MA CHAI HANG ROAD.

AS PART OF THE WORKS, A SECTION OF WONG TAI SIN ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED, AND DIRECT ACCESS BETWEEN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND WONG TAI SIN ROAD WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE. MOTORISTS WILL HAVE TO USE THE MINI-ROUNDBOUT ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF FUNG MO INTERCHANGE.

THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, WORK ON WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE AND TAKE 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AT TAI WAI

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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TAI WAI, SHA TIN, FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 16) AS PART OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT SCHEME DEVELOPED IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF TAI WAI KCR PERMANENT STATION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 23.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS, RELATING TO STAGE ONE OF THE SCHEME, WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

- * TAI WAI ROAD, BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH CHIK FAI STREET AND CHIK FUK STREET, WILL BE CONVERTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.
- * CHIK LUK LANE BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH CHIK FUK STREET AND TSUEN NAM ROAD, AND TSUEN NAM ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH CHIK LUK LANE AND MEI TIN ROAD, EXCEPT A 70-METRE SECTION ON THE NORTHERN KERB WEST OF CHIK LUK LANE, WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY.
- * TAI WAI ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH CHIK FAI STREET AND TSUEN NAM ROAD, CHIK FAI STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI WAI ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 90 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY. THE EGRESS ROAD OF TAI WAI TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI WAI ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 90 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL ALSO BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.
- * THE NORTHERN KERB OF TSUEN NAM ROAD, FROM A POINT ABOUT 110 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CHIK LUK LANE TO A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

STAGE TWO OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT SCHEME WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM APRIL 23 TO COPE WITH THE OPENING OF THE STATION. DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE.

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